

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A sunroof device ~~characterized by~~ comprising:
a functional bracket which supports a movable panel provided in a roof opening portion of a vehicle;
a regulation section provided on a guide rail; a shoe which has a first engagement portion and moves in the front and rear direction of the vehicle along the guide rail; and
a check block having a second engagement portion and a third engagement portion,
wherein the configuration is such that the functional bracket is connectingly supported pivotally on the check block, and the functional bracket and the check block are raised or lowered integrally; the check block is pressedly stopped by the first engagement portion so that the second engagement portion is locked to the regulation section in a state in which the rise in the rear part of the functional bracket is unfinished thereby inhibiting the movement of the check block along with the movement of the shoe; and the third engagement portion is locked to the first engagement portion in a state in which the rise in the rear part of the functional bracket is finished to release the locking state of the second engagement portion and the regulation section along with the movement of the shoe, by which the shoe and the check block are moved integrally.

2. (Currently Amended) The sunroof device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the check block is extendingly provided on the rear side of the turning center of the functional bracket.

3. (Currently Amended) The sunroof device according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second engagement portion and the third engagement portion are arranged vertically, and are provided in the rear-side end portion of the check block.

4. (Currently Amended) The sunroof device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the regulation section is a regulation groove formed so that the second engagement portion can be guided to a guide block fixed to the guide rail.

5. (Currently Amended) The sunroof device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the check block has a holding portion for restraining looseness in a state in which the rise in the rear part of the functional bracket is unfinished.

6. (Currently Amended) The sunroof device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, ~~characterized by~~ further comprising a guide groove provided in the guide rail,

wherein the functional bracket has an engagement portion provided with a center axis coinciding with the turning center with respect to the check block which is

guided to the guide groove to move the front part of the functional bracket up and down in the integral movement via the check block caused by the movement of the shoe.

7. (Currently Amended) The sunroof device according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the outer wall surface of the engagement portion has a deflection structure which comes into elastic contact with the inner wall surface of the guide groove in a state in which the rise in the rear part of the functional bracket is unfinished.